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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE TIMOR - REPORT ON MISSING PERSONS

1. INDONESIA'S DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE HAS SENT
UN SECRETARY GENERAL FOLLOWING REPORT ON MISSING PERSONS
IN EAST TIMOR WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS UN DOCUMENT
S/12040, 6 APRIL 1976:

QTE: LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1976 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF INDONESIA TO THE UNIED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF A COMMUNICATION
FROM THE HEAD OF THE SPECIAL TEAM OF THE INDONESIAN RED
CROSS. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOUR EXCELLENCY WOULD ARRANGE
FOR IT TO BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL UNDER THE ITEM "THE SITUATION IN TIMOR".

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(SIGNED) AUGUST MARPAUNG

AMBASSADOR DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

ANNEX

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE INDONESIAN RED CROSS

SPECIAL TEAM OF THE INDONESIAN RED CROSS FOR EAST TIMOR
STATIONED IN DILI

NO. : 079/TESUS PMI/76 DILI, 19 FEBRUARY 1976

ENCL.: 1 COPY

RE : TRACING PEOPLE TAKEN TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
BY THE FRETILIN OF THE PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR
IN DILI

IN REFERENCE TO YOUR NOTE DATED 3 JANUARY 1976 NO. 48/1976
ADDRESSED TO THE HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN RED CROSS IN JAKARTA
OF WHICH WE RECEIVED A COPY, WE HEREWITH SUBMIT A REPORT ON
THE OUTCOME OF THE EFFORTS TO TRACE THE MISSING PEOPLE
WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE
INDONESIAN RED CROSS:

1. MR. M. MUSHADI, M.D.
2. MR. M. SABAROELLAH, M.D.

ENCLOSED IS A REPORT FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

HEAD OF THE SPECIAL TEAM OF THE INDONESIAN RED CROSS
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ENCLOSURE

REPORT ON THE TRACING OF MISSING PERSONS

ON REQUEST OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF EAST TIMOR IN HIS LETTER OF 3 JANUARY 1976 NO. 48/1976
WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE INDONESIAN RED CROSS, MR. M. MUSHADI,
M.D. WHO RESIDES AT J1. CIPINANG JAYA II/H 16 JAKARTA AND
MR. M. SABAROELLAH, M.D. WHO RESIDES AT J1. CIPINANG JAYA
II/H 16 JAKARTA, IN ORDER TO FULFIL THE REQUEST, HAVE UNDERTAKEN
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THE TRACING AND INVESTIGATING OF THE MISSING PERSONS,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL SITUATION AND CONDITIONS.

FROM OUR INVESTIGATION, WE HAVE UNCOVERED THE FOLLOWING DATA:

1. PERIODS OF TRACING: 15 FEBRUARY 1976 IN AILEU
16 FEBRUARY 1976 IN AILEU
17 FEBRUARY 1976 IN SAME;
2. HARDSHIPS AND DIFFICULTIES FACED:

(A) INSUFFICIENT MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

(B) INSUFFICIENT MANPOWER WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE
EXCAVATION;

3. THE MAIN SOURCE OF INFORMATION CAME FROM THE LOCAL
INHABITANTS;

4. PROCEDURE OF TRACING:

FIRST DAY IN AILEU

WE HAVE INVESTIGATED TWO GRAVE SITES. THE FIRST SITE WAS
LOCATED EAST OF THE TOWN OF ALIEU ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER.
THE SIZE OF THE GRAVE CAVITY WAS 3 X 3 METRES. AT A DEPTH
OF 80 CENTIMETRES, THE CORPSES WERE FOUND. WE COULD SEE
A PILE OF BODIES, ONE ON TOP OF THE OTHER WITH THEIR HANDS
TIED BEHIND THEIR BACKS. NO TRACES OF BULLET WOUNDS WERE
FOUND. THE BODIES WERE SCATTERED WITH ONE TIED TO THE OTHER
AT THE LIMBS, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO UNTIE THE CORPSES
FROM EACH OTHER. VERY LIKELY, BEFORE THE VICTIMS WERE
BURIED, THEY WERE STILL ALIVE. THE CONDITIONS OF THE CORPSES
INDICATED A GREAT DEGREE OF DECOMPOSITION, MAKING IT DIFFICULT
TO RECOGNIZE THEM BECAUSE THEIR FACES WERE BADLY DAMAGED.
ONE OF THE INHABITANTS, FRANCISCO PARAISA FROM THE VILLAGE
OF MAULAU RITA, WHO WAS PRESENT AT THAT TIME, KNEW ABOUT
THE KILLINGS AND HE ALSO KNEW SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE IN
THAT GRAVE. THESE PEOPLE WERE THE FOLLOWING:

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| 1. ANTONI FATIMA | 5. GASPARO TUSISCAIN |
| 2. LUIS COSEMEDO | 6. BEREMAN |
| 3. DOMINGUS RUMALU | 7. E. PETER SANTA (DEPUTY REGENT OF |
| 4. BENYAMIN MENDOSA | DILI) |
| 8. LIONGSI RIBELRO | |

THIS MASS GRAVE CONTAINED, MAINLY, MEMBERS OF THE UDT
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PARTY. THE BODY OF LIONGSI RIBELRO COULD BE RECOGNIZED
BECAUSE OF THE WALLET THAT WAS FOUND IN HIS REMAINS.
THE FIRST GRAVE CONTAINED ABOUT 40-50 VICTIMS. BECAUSE OF
THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT MANPOWER, THE BODIES WERE LEFT IN
THE GRAVE AND SAND WAS PLACED TO COVER THE BODIES AGAIN.

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THE SEOND SITE WAS LOCATED ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES EAST OF THE FIRS GRAVE AND WAS ALSO FOUND ON THE RIVER BANK AT A DISTANCE OF 2 1/2 KILOMETRES FROM ALIEU. THE SIZE OF THE GRAVE CACITY WAS 6 X 9 METRES. AT A DEPTY OF 75 CENTIMETRES, ONE COULD SEE THE BODIES PLACED ONE ON TOP OF THE OTHER IN RANDOM POSITIONS. EACH CORPSE WAS TIED UP WITH ITS HANDS BEHIND ITS BACK. THE BODES WERE UNRECOGNIZABLE BECAUSE THEY WERE DECAYING. IN THIS GRAVE CAVITY, THERE WERE ABOUT 60 CORPSES OF MEMBERS OF THE APODETI PARTY. A BAG WAS FOUND WHICH CONTAINED A BIBLE, A CRUCIFIX, BAYER ASPIRIN PILLS, A RAZOR, A COMB, A MIRROR, A MEDALLION, BOOKS/DOCUMENTS, DIARY AND A NOTEBOOK WITH PAGES OF LEGIBLE HANDWRITING. THESE ITEMS BELONGED TO CASIMIRO ASSUNCAO DE ARAUJO. ON ANOTHER BODY, AN IDENTIFICATION PAPER WAS FOUND WITH THE NAME OF SOSE BATISTA PINTO. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE RECEIVED FROM THE PEOPLE WHO WERE PRESENT, ALL THOSE VICTIMS WERE FORMERLY DETAINEES OF THE FRETILIN. BECAUE OF THE LACK OF MANPOWER, THE GRAVE CAVITY WAS FILLED UP AGAIN.

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SECOND DAY IN AILEU

THE THIRDDGRAVE SITE WAS LOCATED 2 1/2 KILOMETRES SOUTH OF

AILEU AND WEST OF THE MAIN ROAD OF AILEU-BAUBESI. THE SIZE OF THE MASS GRAVE WAS 5 X 6 METRES. AT A DEPTH OF 60 CENTIMETRES, WE UNCOVERED A PILE OF BODIES WHICH WERE ALREADY DECOMPOSING; ONLY THE BONES REMAINED OF PART OF THE CORPSES. THEREFORE IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO RECOGNIZED THE VICTIMS. IN THIS GRAVE CAVITY, THERE WERE ABOUT 45 BODIES. AN AUTOMATIC SEIKO WATCH WAS FOUND ON ONE OF THE CORPSES. THE WATCH HAD STOPPED ON THE 7TH, SO WE CONCLUDED THAT THE VICTIMS DIED THE DAY BEFORE. ON ANOTHER CORPSE, A WALLET WAS FOUND CONTAINING AN IDENTIFICATION PAPER OF JANUARI DE COSTA GUSMAO WITH PICTURES OF HIS WIFE AND FAMILY. THE GRAVE CAVITY WAS COVERED AGAIN.

THIRD DAY IN SAME

THE FOURTH GRAVE SITE WAS LOCATED NEAR A GORGE BEHIND A SCHOOL BUILDING ON THE UPPER PART OF THE TOWN OF SAME. THE SIZE OF THE GRAVE CAVITY WAS ABOUT 1 1/2 X 15 METRES. AT A DEPTH OF 30 CENTIMETRES, WE FOUND THE REMAINS OF DECAYING BODIES. THEY WERE DISJOINTED AND BONES WERE SCATTERED AROUND THE GRAVE SITE. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE LOCAL INHABITANTS WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE INVESTIGATION, THE KILLINGS OCCURRED ON 29 JANUARY 1976. A WITNESS, WHO ESCAPED FROM HIS CAPTORS AND WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE INVESTIGATION, SAID THAT HE KNEW SOME OF THE VICTIMS BY NAME. THEY WERE:

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| 1. CRISTOVA PERAI SANTEO | 8. FERNANDO COSTA |
| 2. JORQUIN FERNANDES | 9. FIALES |
| 3. MURIANO SOARES | 10. MARIO FRANCO |
| 4. SEBASTIAN SOARES | 11. FRANCISO DA COSTA |
| 5. CARLOS LEMAS | 12. ANTONIO ROBERTO |
| 6. ANICETA | 13. EVARISTO |
| 7. FILIPE DA COSTA | 14. ENRIQUE SIMOES |

IN THIS MASS GRAVE CAVITY, THERE WERE ABOUT 40 BODIES, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE PEOPLE, ALL THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CORPSES WERE DETAINEES HELD BY THE FRETILIN. THE GRAVE WAS FILLED UP.

CONCLUSION

1. THE CORPSES IN THE MASS GRAVES PROBABLY INCLUDE THOSE OF THE MISSING PERSONS GOUTH BY THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR;

2. FROM THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE LOCAL INHABITANTS, IT IS VERY PROBABLE THAT AMONG THOSE CORPSES ARE THE FOLLOWING:

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| 1. ANTONIO FATIMA | 14. MURIANO SOARES |
| 2. GASPARO TUSICAIN | 15. SEBASTIAN SOARES |
| 3. LUIS COSEMEDO | 16. CARLOS LEMAS |
| 4. DOMINGUS RUMALU | 17. ANICETA |
| 5. BENYAMIN MENDOSA | 18. FILIPE DA COSTA |
| 6. BEREMAN | 19. FERNANDO COSTA |
| 7. E. PETER SANTA(DEPUTY REGENT OF DILI) | 20. FIALES |
| 8. LIONGSI RIBERLO | 21. MARIO FRANCO |
| 9. CASIMIRO ASSUNCAO DE ARAUJO | 22. FRANCISCO ROBERTO DA COSTA |
| 10. SOSE BATISTA PINTO | 23. ANTONIO ROBERTO |
| 11. JANUARI DA COSTA GUSMAO | 24. EVARISTO |
| 12. CRISTOVA PERAI SANTEO | 25. ENRIQUE SIMOES; |
| 13. JORQUIN FERNANDES | |

3. AMONG THE CORPSES, THEE WERE ABOUT 195 WHICH WERE IN ADVANCED STAGE OF DECOMPOSITION AND WHOSE FACES WERE BEYOND RECOGNITION.

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN MADE FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

DILI, 17 FEBRUARY 1976

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INVESTIGATOR I
MR. M. MUSHADI, M.D. UNQUOTE.
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